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## The calm after the storm



photo by Lance Cpl. Trent Rundell

**As Typhoon Pabuk passed by the Station, it left behind a picturesque display as the sun set on Aug. 21**

## New penalties for travel card misuse

by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers  
Torii Teller Staff

Holders of Bank of America Government Travel Charge Cards who are late paying their bill will be faced with new fines and an increase in wage garnishing.

The changes are part of an effort to reduce the \$25 million of outstanding travel card debts throughout the Federal government.

These problems can be avoided by paying bills as soon as possible, according to Ana Lewis, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron agency program coordinator.

"As soon as anybody comes back from travel, they should go to the Finance Office to complete and submit their travel claim," she explained. "The

travel reimbursement should be paid within three days."

If payment on a travel card is late, Bank of America is now charging a \$29 late fee, instead of the previous \$20 late fee.

Additionally, anyone using the cards for a cash advance will have to pay a \$2 fee, or 3 percent of the amount advanced, whichever is greater.

The bank is also being more active in getting money from delinquent service members and Department of Defense civilians, Lewis said.

"Now they will check pay if the government travel card payment is late," she said.

The capacity to garnish wages was always there, explained Lewis, but the amount of delinquent payments has made the bank more likely to use it.

The government is also reducing the amount

of travel cards issued, said Lewis. Marines and Sailors no longer have to apply for the GTCC, but travel advances still will not be granted for temporary additional duty.

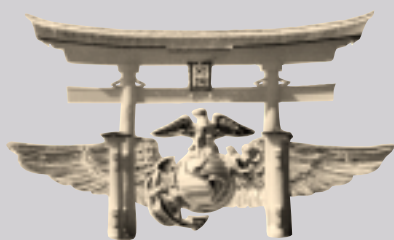
Marines making a permanent change of station will be allowed to choose between using the GTCC and receiving an advance, she added.

The bank will also be more active in deactivating accounts that are not in use.

"Bank of America will deactivate the card if the account hasn't been used at least twice a year," Lewis said. "It's the Marine's responsibility to get the card reactivated by the agency program coordinator in case of Temporary Additional Duty."

For more information on government travel cards contact your unit agency program coordinator.

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# WICO is nothing but welfare

by Staff Sgt. Gary Saiki

Letter to the Editor

I couldn't believe the article about the Women, Infants and Children Overseas program published in the *Torii Teller*. In the article Matthew Carp, WICO program manager, is quoted as saying, "I think that some people think this is like a welfare program, or it's embarrassing to do this."

Well, guess what? It is a welfare program. It was put in place to help those who need help feeding their young children properly and not just what the parents want to buy with their food stamps.

If you need it then you shouldn't be ashamed to use it. Welfare programs are for families that need help in getting food on the table.

Why is it the Cost of Living Allowance and Housing Allowances are not used to determine income?

Are we just using the figures to send congress a message, that we need more pay? Someone told me because "I am against taking advantage of the system" that I should sign up for the program and just not use the WICO coupons. This would help

show Congress how needy the military families are. Is this what the program is for? Well, are we really needy? My answer is no! The program should look at the family income as a whole, including all pay and allowances.

I agree that the program is needed for some of the troops, but for most SNCOs and the Officers, where is the need?

For most E-6 or above to say they absolutely need it is ridiculous. They should already have their finances in order and should not have to rely on a welfare program to help them. I say most because there are a few special cases that require assistance.

If you take advantage of the program simply because you meet the requirements rather than being based on need, then where is your integrity? What will just one more family taking advantage of the system hurt?

Well, how much more in taxes do you need to pay before you realize that the problem behind the taxes are the people that take advantage of the system. The more people taking advantage of the system, the more taxes we all are going to have to pay.

## Reason behind WICO program

**Editor's Note:** The following letter is in response to Staff Sgt. Saiki's letter to the Editor.

by Angela Griffin

Letter to the editor

As the program coordinator for the WICO program here, I certainly appreciate the comment from Staff Sgt. Saiki. I am glad to clear up his misconception on this issue.

The WIC program (stateside) was established as a federal program in 1973 and it is one of the most successful and cost-effective nutrition intervention programs ever funded.

Findings, reviews and reports demonstrate that the WIC program is cost effective in protecting or improving the health/nutritional status of its participants. A series of reports published by the USDA over the last few years found that savings in health care costs range from \$1.77 to \$3.13 for each dollar spent on WIC.

Some other documented results: improved diets and diet related outcomes such as reduced iron deficiency anemia, higher intakes of iron, vitamin C, protein and calcium; increased breast-feeding and use of iron-fortified infant formula. Prenatal nutritional status is improved resulting in higher birth weights and longer gestation.

With such substantial findings regarding the health and nutritional benefit of the program, how can we not be glad that the WIC program is available to us overseas (WICO)?

The WIC overseas program is a nutritional health benefit. Not a TRICARE medical benefit, even though TRICARE management activity

oversees the program. WICO receives funding from the Department of Defense. First and foremost, the WIC overseas program has one main mission. That is to provide supplemental food and nutrition education for eligible personnel in overseas locations.

Women, Infants and Children Overseas is unique in that it provides specific supplemental nutritious food and nutrition education to a specific target population. It is a short-term intervention and is also an adjunct to ongoing health care.

The supplemental foods provided are designed to meet the participants enhance dietary needs during brief but critical periods of development such as pregnancy, infancy and early childhood.

In addition to the supplemental food, the program provides individualized and group nutrition counseling and education, breast-feeding education and support, referrals to other health care and social services available.

During a visit of Maj. Gen. Gary Hughey, U.S. Forces Japan deputy commander, to the Yokosuka WICO office in January, he is quoted in the *Seahawk* paper as saying, "This is a benefit and we want our families to have it because, in the long run, the healthier they are the less it costs our medical budget and the more ready the service member is to go out and do what he or she is supposed to do for our country."

According to Hughey, when service men and women aren't worried about their family's health and nutrition needs, they can focus on the mission. "It is a readiness issue when you think about it, readiness and retention-that's what it is all about."



# New way to pay travel cards

by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers  
Torii Teller Staff

Government travel-card holders returning from Temporary Additional Duty can now designate a portion of their travel settlement to be paid directly to their GTC account.

This change makes it easier for Marines and Sailors to pay off their debts after TAD.

"All that a service member has to do is check the appropriate block on the form and designate an amount to be paid to the GTC account," said Sgt. Casildo Mancilla, Finance Office travel auditor.

"They have the option to either have the whole reimbursement sent

to their bank account, or have part of the reimbursement sent to the government credit card, and the rest to their bank account," he explained.

According to Mancilla, Marines and Sailors on TAD should keep track of what they charge on the GTC, so that they know how much to pay to the account.

"The split-disbursement option can only be used to pay off government travel cards," said Mancilla. "It cannot be used to pay off a service member's personal credit card, even if that card was used for TAD expenses."

Many Marines returning from

TAD that have used the GTCC before, prefer the new split-disbursement system.

"In one trip to disbursing, they took care of all the paperwork," said Staff Sgt. Joseph Shines, Combat Service Support Detachment 36 logistics chief. "It made it a whole lot easier when I came back for them to do the work for me. I didn't have to worry about messing with the bank and licking and sticking stamps.

***"In one trip to disbursing, they took care of all the paperwork. It made it a whole lot easier"***

- Staff Sgt. Joseph Shines

That was the best part about it."

Representatives from the Defense Finance Accounting Service in Kansas City, Mo., upgraded the Finance Office's systems to allow for split-disbursement, noted Mancilla. DFAS is responsible for making the payments after the Finance Office files the travel claim with them.

For more information contact the Finance Office at 253-6024.

## Town Hall meeting addresses concerns

by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers  
Torii Teller Staff

Hundreds of concerned individuals participated in the Town Hall meeting Aug. 30 at the Marine Memorial Chapel.

Community members had a chance to address concerns directly to the Station Commanding Officer, Col. Dave Darrah.

"It gives the individual resident, whether active duty, a spouse, or a civilian employee, the chance to address their concerns directly with the commanding officer of the Station," said Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Borghese, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron gunnery sergeant.

Some of the main issues addressed were improving cable service, stocking a wider variety of items at the exchange, bringing new franchises into the food court, construction of new facilities on the Station, housing issues, and issues affecting families with children.

In addition to allowing the community to state their concerns, the meetings also gave community members a chance to feel that their issues are being resolved.

"It's excellent for the community. It keeps us very well informed," said Joyce Williamson, a substitute teacher at Matthew C. Perry schools. "Darrah has been addressing issues, and we're seeing results. Things are going to happen."



photo by Lance Cpl. Trent Rundell

**Dale Smith, Marine Corps Community Services director, addresses an issue at the Town Hall meeting Aug. 30.**

At the meeting, participants could either sign their name onto a list to be called upon, or place their question on a piece of paper for Darrah to read. Previously, department heads addressed the questions. However, Darrah changed the policy and now the commanding officer answers questions himself, with assistance from the department heads.

The Town Hall meeting was open to everyone and anyone who wanted to stand up and speak their mind.

"This way the community gets the chance to address him personally," said Gunnery Sgt. Glenn

## News Briefs

### Medical Hours

The Branch Medical Clinic will close for routine appointments at 1 p.m. on Friday. Previously the clinic was closed Thursday afternoons for training. Routing appointments can now be made on Thursdays. For more information call 253-3445.

### Pass, Identification

The pass and identification section of the Provost Marshal's Office will be closed from noon until 4:30 p.m. today due to a PMO function.

### M.C. Perry Schools

#### School Photos

Matthew C. Perry schools will be taking student pictures on Monday for the high school and on Tuesday and Wednesday for the elementary school. Non school age siblings can take photos on Tuesday and Wednesday after 1 p.m.

#### Open House

There will be an open house Thursday for the elementary school, from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., and on Sept. 14 for the high school, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. All family members are invited to see their child's teacher in a classroom environment. For more information call M.C. Perry High School at 253-5448, or M.C. Perry Elementary School at 253-3447.



# Summer adventures bid farewell

by Lance Cpl. Trent Rundell  
Torii Teller Staff

At the end of every summer, even the most reluctant child must return to the books, but to soften the transition, participants in the Camp Adventure summer camp held a farewell barbecue Aug. 24 to mark the end of summer and the camp.

Prior to the burgers hitting the grill, Station children spent their last 10 weeks having fun, playing games, and making crafts with positive role models.

Marine Corps Community Services and the Boys and Girls Club of Iwakuni sponsored the Camp Adventure program to give children a fun way to spend their summer as well as provide parents a safe environment for their child to stay during the day.

"Many military families have children too young to stay home alone," said Courtney Bauder, head counselor. "Camp Adventure is a program that takes the place of a baby-sitter and gives children a chance to interact with great role models from the United States. We provide the children with arts and crafts, songs, games and a safe environment."



photo by Lance Cpl. Trent Rundell

*Children and counselors in the Camp Adventure summer program celebrate the end of a great summer with a round of songs and a farewell barbecue.*

Camp Adventure, which began June 18, was a summer-long program for all children ages 6-13. Although the program is designed with children in mind, they are not the only ones who benefit.

"Camp Adventure lets college students from the States go to foreign countries and provide a summer camp for children who need to be entertained during the summer," said Bauder. "The program sends the college students

all over Europe and Asia, to places like Ramstein, Germany and Tokyo."

Camp Adventure originally was started by the University of Northern Iowa and is now offered at many colleges throughout the States, including Florida A&M University and the University of Oregon.

"It's something for college students who are interested in children and traveling to sign up

for," said Bauder.

Many of the campers appreciated the opportunities the camp provided them through the summer.

"I really like the different things they teach us, like the songs and games and also when we go to the pool," said Nicole Patton, 7, Camp Adventure participant. "The counselors are great, and we have a lot of fun together."

But as much as the campers and the counselors enjoyed the experience, summer had to come to a close.

"The barbecue party was the last event of the summer," said Bauder. "It symbolized the end of the summer and was a farewell party for the college students, who are going back to the States to begin the new college year. It was also a chance for us to say goodbye to the children."

Even though Camp Adventure is over, participants still have the memories.

"It was great because it was a fun thing to do during the summer, and the counselors were so nice and playful," said Patricia Sykes, 10, Camp Adventure participant.

## Brigadier general opens new kindergarten building

*Brigadier Gen. Timothy Larsen, Marine Corps Base, Camp Smedly D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan commanding general, speaks at the opening of a new kindergarten building Friday. Larsen participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony as part of his tour of the Station. The new building will be used to support an all-day kindergarten program, as well as provide for other classroom needs. The project has been in development for two years.*



photo by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers

# Iwakuni Sailor wins coveted Director's Award

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay and  
Cpl. Randy Thompson  
Torii Teller Staff

Every four years, the world's greatest athletes have a chance to compete for Olympic gold. The gold medal is made all the sweeter because a chance to win one comes along so rarely.

Though not an athlete, there's a Sailor aboard the Station who also can relate to waiting for glory.

Chief Petty Officer James Trocke, Station energy manager, recently was chosen to receive the coveted Director's Award, which will be presented to him at the 2001 Federal Energy and Water Management Awards Ceremony Oct. 17 in Washington, D.C.

It has been four years since anyone has been presented with this award.

The Director's Award is a discretionary award that recognizes the most outstanding contributions made toward the efficient use of energy in the Federal sector, according to Staff Sgt. Delgado Rodrigues, Camp Butler, Okinawa, staff inspector.

"Chief Trocke has created an energy awareness program at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni that is unequal to any other installation in the Pacific region," stated Rodrigues.

Behind the efforts of Trocke, the Station has decreased energy consumption during a time of growth aboard MCAS Iwakuni, noted Rodrigues.

"The program Chief Trocke has implemented will be used as a model for all camps and stations in both mainland Japan and Okinawa," said Rodrigues.

Despite the accolades he is receiving, Trocke is quick to diffuse all the praise heaped upon him.

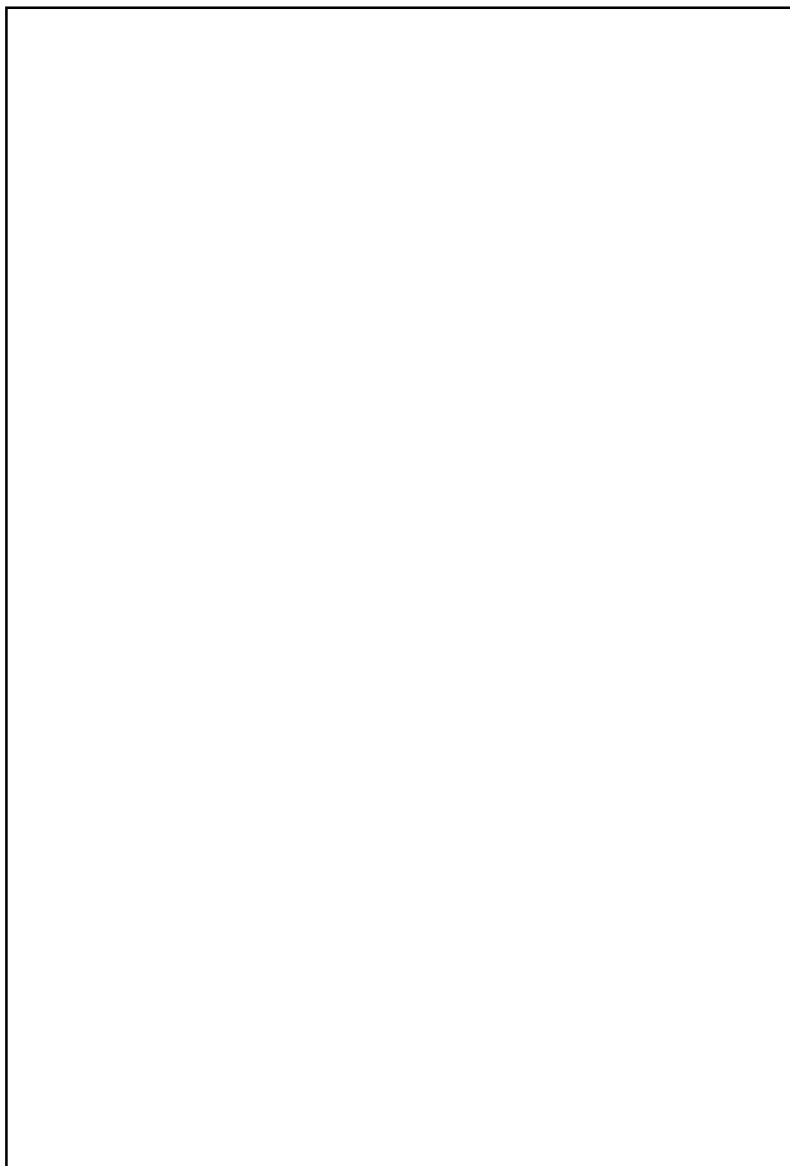


photo courtesy of Chief Petty Officer James Trocke

**Chief Petty Officer James Trocke, Station energy manager, is slated to receive the coveted Director's Award Oct. 17 at the Federal Energy Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C.**

"I want to make one thing very clear," said Trocke, "this personal award is as much a reflection on the Facilities Department, and especially on the residents who live here, as it is on me. Without the energy conservation efforts and support of the community, which has been fantastic, none of this would be possible."

The Director's Award is determined by a variety of factors related to energy conservation, though probably the most important factor

is the successful implementation of new and innovative ideas.

"We did a lot of things in Iwakuni that other bases just don't do, or hadn't done before us," said Trocke. "From our water leak survey, to the dummy electric bill and installation of water saving devices, to Operation Green Out and a host of other energy saving programs, I think it just showed how seriously this Station takes energy conservation."

In addition to the residents, Trocke also singled out Cmdr. Tony Ermovick, Facilities officer, and the chain of command for having the foresight to try things that hadn't been done before.

"Nobody put me in a box and told me I couldn't go outside that box," said Trocke. "The command was very receptive to taking a different approach to energy conservation, and it worked. As long as I have a brain on my shoulders, I'm going to come up with new ideas."

According to Trocke, when he accepts the award he will be doing it not as an individual, but on behalf of the entire Station.

"I can come up with an idea and implement it, but if the community doesn't get behind the program it's not going to work," said Trocke. "I can't say enough about the men and women who call MCAS Iwakuni home. They showed that every individual can make a difference

when it comes to energy conservation, and they did the right things for the right reasons. Saving energy isn't about awards, it's about our future and our children's future."

"My main goal when I came here was to make a difference," said Trocke. "I truly feel that I have done that. I'm so proud to be a part of this community. We've all made a difference."

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Griggs, Station equal opportunity advisor. "It throws out all the buffers."

To further expand on what was discussed at the Town Hall meeting, Darrah hosted "Commanders Corner" on Power 1575 AM on Aug. 31.

"I'm trying to ensure that I gain the trust of the community," Darrah said. "I also want to know what's going on, and hear what's on everybody's mind. If I tell the community that I will resolve a matter, it will be resolved, or I will come back and explain to the community why the situation can't be changed."

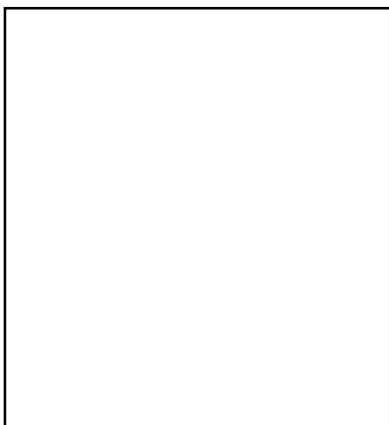


photo by Lance Cpl. Trent Rundell

**Colonel Dave Darrah, Station commanding officer, addresses a question at the meeting.**

## Station vehicle resale lot

Individuals who wish to sell their vehicle aboard the Station can use the new MCAS Iwakuni resale lot, located on the north side adjacent to Station Road and Building 2194. Parking a vehicle at the Cross Roads Mall, Exchange, 7-Day Store, etc. for resale purposes is not authorized. Those who desire to sell a vehicle can advertise it with "For Sale" signs while in normal personal use or come to the PMO Vehicle Registration section to register their vehicle for placement in the designated resale lot. The same documents used to register a vehicle aboard the Station are needed to place a vehicle in the resale lot for a period up to 90 days. For more information call 253-3161.





# Keep on Tr

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay  
Torii Teller Staff

*This 1986 Toyota Hilux Surf truck took Tony Poore to the victory platform. It has front and rear differential lockers, 33 inch mud terrain tires and a 2.4 liter diesel engine.*

He stood on the championship platform, high in the mountains above Kabe City in Hiroshima Prefecture, with a medal around his neck and a look of tired contentment on his face.

Tony Poore, an Iwakuni Marine and Four-Wheel junkie, had just captured third place in the large truck division of the Tamada Off-Road Challenge Cup, but the look on his face was one more of satisfied relief than exuberance.

"I'm just glad I didn't roll my truck," said Poore. "It was pretty hairy up there."

That description of the Tamada off-road course might have been an understatement. The course is comprised of logs, boulders, trees, tires and mountains of vertical dirt, all of which must be traversed within certain identified boundaries that are sectioned off by tape. If a truck stalls or has to back up, points are deducted.

Rolling a truck, touching the tape, or not completing a stage of the course in three minutes or less results in automatic disqualification for that round.

"This course is a monster," said James Streicher, an Iwakuni Seabee and Tamada Cup Challenge competitor. "It's 100 percent you and your truck."

There's no way to cheat. You're either going to tame the beast or you're not."

Nearly a dozen of the fifty-three vehicles entered in the competition either completely rolled on the course or found themselves horizontal with the ground.

Poore's fear of the same fate on this course was not the product of an active imagination.

"The last time I competed here, I didn't so much roll as I did flip," said Poore. "One second I was tackling an obstacle, and the next I was hanging upside down from my seat belt."

That mishap eliminated Poore from the competition, and he was determined not to have a repeat performance this time.

"Rolling was in the front of my mind," said Poore. "I didn't try to block it out, but instead chose to focus on it and make sure it didn't happen again."

The Tamada Challenge Cup receives national attention in Japan and is a major event in Japanese off-road competition, according to competitor Kazuhiko Kitage, an off-road driver from Hiroshima.

"There's a lot of impressive trucks out here," said Streicher. "But a truck can only do so much for you. At least 60 percent of precision off-road competitions is driver skill. You can have the greatest off-road truck in the world, but if you can't handle it behind the wheel, you're not going to do anything."

Though Poore and Streicher

were the only service members to compete, many Iwakuni residents and off-road enthusiasts made the three-hour trip to witness the event.

"I brought Jacob, my 11-year-old son, up here to help root on Tony and James, and to give him some more exposure to this great sport," said Charles Daily, an Iwakuni Marine who spends most of his weekends either off-road driving or camping. "A lot of the competitors came up the night before the event and set up tents. Even though these competitions are intense, there's a feeling of camaraderie between everyone here."

Other competitors and spectators said they couldn't agree more.

"Even though this is a serious competition, I've never seen anyone argue a decision by the judges or be nasty to each other," said Raymon Freeman, an Iwakuni Marine and off-road driver from Houston. "In America off-roading can be so cutthroat, but here in Japan everyone is just enjoying themselves and competing with sportsmanship."

According to Kitage, making friends is what off-roading is all about.

"There is a feeling of togetherness among everyone here," said Kitage. "When somebody has a good run, everybody cheers them on, even the other drivers. If somebody rolls, then there are a lot of groans."

Fortunately for Poore on this day, the only groan sent his way was a sigh of relief, from his own two lips.

## Points of contact for interested four wheelers

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James Streicher, an Iwakuni Seabee and off-road driver, attacks the mountainous course with a vengeance at the Tamada Off-Road Challenge Cup.



Tony Poore (right), an Iwakuni Marine and off-road driver, stands on the victory platform after capturing third place in the large truck division at the competition.

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photos by Cpl. Randy Thompson

*Off-road competitors wait for their turn to attack the course during the Tamada Off-Road Challenge Cup in Kabe City Aug. 19. In all, 53 drivers took part in the event.*



*It's a common sight at off-road events. Here, a driver gets a helping hand from fellow competitors and spectators after rolling his jeep.*





photo by Lance Cpl. Trent Rundell

The Japanese memorial known to American service members as the Rock Memorial Park is located in front of JMSDF headquarters.

# Rock Park mystery solved

by Lance Cpl. Trent Rundell  
Torii Teller Staff

The Rock Memorial Park you see today wasn't always so beautiful. It used to be a run-down garden located in front of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force headquarters building here.

Not everyone notices the park, located behind Building 360, or knows what it is.

Fifty-six JMSDF service members have made the ultimate sacrifice over the years, but their monument may be thought of as nothing more than a tranquil garden to those who don't know its history.

"It was first built in commemoration of the men who died on four PS1 Amphibious Airboat crashes,"

said JMSDF Chief Petty Officer Satoshi Saitoh, Public Affairs Officer. "Now it is there to honor all those who have died in the line of duty."

In 1978, Akira Okimoto, JMSDF Cooperation Association chairman, received \$2.3 million in donations from the town's people of Iwakuni, to move, renovate and build the Rock Memorial Park that exists today.

The Rock Memorial Park serves the same purpose as the more prominent Vietnam Memorial, as a place of remembrance. The monument pays respect and gives praise to the brave pilots who have died serving in the JMSDF.

"It is for remembering our peers that have perished in the line of duty," said Saitoh. "The monument was built to remind individu-

als that you have to keep going on with the mission at hand no matter what."

The 58 JMSDF members who are remembered have perished in a variety of incidents. Fifty-six died as a direct result of air-crashes, one during physical training and one drowned.

According to Saitoh, the large gray center stone at the top of the main stairs does not have a name, but nevertheless holds an important message to all who serve in the sky: "People be brave when flying, and fly without fear." The Rock Memorial Park carp pond also holds special significance, noted Saitoh.

"The pond actually is there to calm the souls of the deceased and the little garden falls are there to help soothe the souls of the dead

and the relatives of those who have died."

However, not everything at the memorial represents the deceased.

The two large rocks on the side closest to the Joint Reception Center barracks symbolize two schools that used to be located on the Station. One school was used during World War II to teach Junior High and High School students how to be pilots. The other schools served as an equivalent to our Officer Candidate Schools.

"If you don't see the memorial, people will forget the ones lost in the line of duty," said Saitoh. "If people see it they will look back and remember those who have come before us, and the ones lost will live forever."

## Out the gate

**Note:** Japanese who do not speak English may answer the phone numbers provided.

### Violin Recital

A Fuminori Shinozaki violin recital is scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m. at Sinfonia Iwakuni. Tickets cost 2,500 yen. For more information call 29-1600.

### Scenic Painting Contest

Chugoku Newspaper will hold a Kintai Bridge scenic painting contest on Sept. 15 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Children younger than 15 years old may participate. For more information call the Iwakuni Office at 21-6780.

### The 50th Regional Kendo Tournament

The 50th Regional Kendo Tournament will be held Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at the gymnasium of Miyajima Junior High School. Call 0829-44-2086.

### Harvest Festival

Tanomosan, a Shinto festival to wish for a good harvest, will be held Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at Shinomiya Shrine on Miyajima. A rare night ritual features small boats filled with dolls and fruit that are set adrift from Itsukushima Shrine to sail toward the Torii. Call 0829-44-2011.

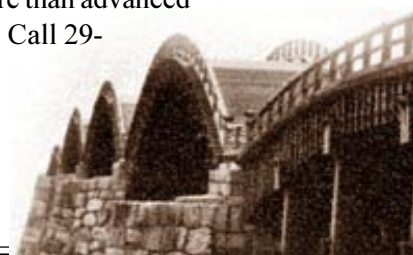
### Baden Opera

Wienerwald Stadttheater Baden Opera, "The Barber of Sevilla" is scheduled Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sinfonia Iwakuni. Tickets are now

available and the cost ranges from 4,000 to 10,000 yen. For more information call 29-1600.

### Art of Singing and Dancing

As part of Iwakuni City's traditional arts festival, Kabuki, the art of singing and dancing, will be performed Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Iwakuni City Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the City Social Education Division in Iwakuni City Hall starting Wednesday at a cost of between 1,500 yen to 4,000 yen. Tickets purchased at the door will cost more than advanced ticket sales. Call 29-5031.





# Classified Ads

## Vehicles for sale

—1989 Mitsubishi Pajero, black, 4WD w/winch, will do first oil change free, JCI till January 2002, \$1,300. Call EO1 Streicher at 253-3944 dwh or 253-2675 awb.

—1995 Mitsubishi GTO, equivalent to American 3000GT VR4, 2-door, AM/FM cassette, CD/MD, A/C, PW/PB/PS/PAS, sunroof, lumbar seat, cruise control, 6-speed, twin turbo, 18" york racing rims, aero package, adjustable suspension and much more. Call Howard at 21-7965. Serious inquiries only.

—1995 Honda Integra, silver, 2-door, JCI till November, \$2,000. Call Cpl. Lane at 253-3194 or 253-6715 awb.

## Motorcycle for sale

—1996 Yamaha Dragstar, 400cc, orange and black w/lots of chrome, 8,000 kilometers, JCI till March 2002, \$4,000/obo. Call Staff Sgt. Belford at 253-3005 dwh or 253-2843 awb.

## Other items for sale

—Sears Kenmore commercial capacity washer w/hoses, \$130. Call Gunnery Sgt. Biggs at 253-2880.

—Sail Boat, 21-foot, Japanese inspection good to June 2004, sleeps six complete complement of sails, outboard running lights and more, \$6,000. Call Staff Sgt. Armentrout at 253-2928.

—Blue Clues twin-size quilt w/pillowcase, \$15; full-size pink/white ruffled quilt w/sheets, bedskirt, throw pillow, \$35; Little Tikes toy chest, plastic, white w/blue lid, \$35; blue bath mat, 42; black bath mat, \$2; assorted beanie babies \$2 each; assorted beanie buddies, \$8 each; queen-size, teen print, quilt pink/purple/green, \$10; pipe extensions for softail by "Screamin Eagle," \$50; various Pokemon collector cards, best offer; various Japanese pottery items for sale; two lace throw pillows peach, pink, \$7 each; various zip-up animal shaped cooler/lunch pails, soft, \$5 each. Call LaVonne Lessard at 253-3585 dwh or 253-2466 awb.

—Camping tent, Sears, 8'x10' tent, sleeps 4 adults, hardly used, \$120; hammock, fancy-adult-size, hand woven macrame, w/strong metal frame and hanging brackets, easy to set up, \$140. Call Linda Kostelny at 253-3278 dwh or 090-8608-3799.

—Crib three in one crib daybed and full bed, \$120; vases assorted sizes, \$10-50. Call Cynthia O'Donnell at 253-2778.

## Lost

—Lost black backpack, containing a hearing aid and some golf magazine. If found call Ronald Nash at 253-4139 dwh or 253-2166 awb.

## Wanted

—Looking for a mature individual to give Spanish lessons once to twice a week, prefer someone with Hispanic background and fluent in Spanish, need the lessons in order to communicate with my grandmother. You name your price. Call Cpl. McPherson at 253-6007 dwh or 253-7266 awb.

## CHRO job openings

—Appointment Clerk, Branch Medical Clinic, GS-0303-03, open until filled.

—Secretary (OA), Branch Medical Clinic, GS-0318-05, open until filled.

—Administrative Officer, MCCS, GS-0341-09, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Transition Program Counselor, MCCS, GS-0101-09, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Training and Curriculum Specialist, MCCS, GS-1701-09, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Contract Specialist, Facilities, GS-1102-11, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Commissary Support Clerk, DECA, GS-0303-04, open until filled.

—Store Worker Leader, DECA, WL-6914-04, open until Sept. 4.

—Sales Store Checker, DECA, GS-2091-03, open until filled.

—Management and Program Analyst, IBM, GS-0343-09/11.

(For additional information and appropriate forms call CHRO, Building 360, Room 32, at 253-6828.)

## MCCS job openings

—Licensed and experienced barbers wanted for contract employment Sundays only. Call 253-4143.

—Disc Jockeys wanted for short-term service contract. Call MCCS Contracting at 253-6103.

—Home Visitor, the Marine New Parent Support Program. Call 253-6553.

Following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel (253-3030):

—Senior Sales Associate, Main Complex, NF-02, regular full time.

—Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Complex, NF-01, regular part time.

—Store Worker, Main Complex, NA-02, regular full time.

—Customer Service Clerk, Main Complex, NF-01, regular full time.

—Recreation Assistant, Teen Center, NF-02, regular full time, in-house only.

—Mail Clerk, MCCS Operations, NF-01, regular part time.

—Barber, Barber Shop, NA-07, regular part time.

—Club Manager, Club Iwakuni, NF-04, regular full time.

—Recreation Ops Assistant, Outdoor Recreation, NF-02, regular full time.

—Customer Service Clerk, NF-01, regular full time, in-house only.

—Cook, Club Iwakuni, NA-04, regular full time.

—Food Service Worker Leader, Burger King, NL-02, regular full time.

—Food Service Worker, Food Court, NA-02, regular full time.



## To submit your ads or announcement ...

Torii Teller accepts ads/announcement for nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii Teller reserves the right to edit to fit space. To submit, stop by Building 360, Room 7 to fill out a form.

## Weekend's Weather

Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday

## Tide Table

	Low tide		High tide	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
Sept. 7	6 a.m.	79	---	---
	6:12 p.m.	89	12:06 p.m.	346
Sept. 8	6:32 a.m.	81	12:07 a.m.	347
	6:46 p.m.	113	12:43 p.m.	337
Sept. 9	7:06 a.m.	87	12:46 a.m.	330
	7:25 p.m.	141	13:26 p.m.	332
Sept. 10	7:46 a.m.	96	1:17 a.m.	310
	8:14 p.m.	172	2:19 p.m.	308
Sept. 11	8:39 a.m.	107	1:57 a.m.	287
	9:35 p.m.	196	3:38 p.m.	297
Sept. 12	10:02 a.m.	114	3:02 a.m.	265
	11:48 p.m.	196	5:26 p.m.	303
Sept. 13	11:46 a.m.	102	4:52 a.m.	258
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## Movie Schedule

### Friday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Toy Story 2 (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Bring It On (PG-13)  
11 p.m. Bad Boys (R)

### Saturday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Back To The Future II (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Anywhere But Here (PG-13)  
11 p.m. Happy Gilmore (R)

### Sunday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Short Circuit 2 (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Dragnet (PG-13)  
11 p.m. Legend Of 1900 (R)

### Monday

10 a.m./7 p.m. The Bear (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. From Here To Eternity (NR)  
11 p.m. Mystic Pizza (R)

### Tuesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Dinosaur (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Held Up (PG-13)  
11 p.m. Highlander (R)

### Wednesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Legal Eagles (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Beaches (PG-13)  
11 p.m. The Witches Of Eastwick (R)

### Thursday

10 a.m./7 p.m. The Never Ending Story (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Charlie's Angles (PG-13)  
11 p.m. BAIT (R)

## Sakura Theater

### Friday

7 p.m. Cats and Dogs  
10 p.m. Rush Hour 2

### Saturday

4 p.m. Cats and Dogs  
7 p.m. Rush Hour 2  
10 p.m. Lara Croft: Tomb Raider

### Sunday

4 p.m. Cats and Dogs  
7 p.m. Lara Croft: Tomb Raider

### Monday

7 p.m. Rush Hour 2

### Tuesday

7 p.m. Cats and Dogs

### Wednesday

7 p.m. Lara Croft: Tomb Raider

### Thursday

Closed

## Cats and Dogs (PG)

Rated PG for animal action and humor. (87 minutes)

Unbeknownst to their human companions, dogs have been fighting for thousands of years to keep mankind from falling under the rule of cats. When a rogue feline, Mr. Tinkles, initiates a plan to strategically disable the world's dog population and leave humans defenseless against his tyranny, a crack team of dog agents are all that stand between mankind and slavery.

## Rush Hour 2 (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for action violence, language and some sexual material. (88 minutes)

Crime fighting has never been so hazardous – or funny. Chopsocky action star Jackie Chan reteams with motormouth Chris Tucker in this *Rush Hour* sequel as the mismatched cop duo investigate several bombings in Hong Kong attributed to Chinese gang leader Ricky Tan (John Lone) and assassin Zhang Ziyi, whose beautiful, balletic kick packs a head-ringing wallop.

## Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for action violence and some sensuality. (98 minutes)

Based on the popular video game of the same name, this film stars Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft – a tough, sexy, armed adventurer who was born into wealth and groomed at the most elite schools. She travels to dangerous and mysterious locales around the globe in search of rare, lost crypts and long-forgotten empires.

The movie lineup was correct at press time. Call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for recorded updates.

## Iwakuni's Theaters

### Kokusai:

Sept. 7 - Oct. 5  
"Planet of the Apes" - 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., (Sat. only) 10:25 p.m.  
"Kiss of the Dragon" - 12:40 p.m., 4:35 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:35 p.m.

### New Central I:

Sept. 7-21  
No English Movies

### New Central II:

Sept. 7-14, 16-21  
"Jurassic Park III" - 1:15 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 7:10 p.m., (Sat. only) 9 p.m.

### Sept. 15

"Jurassic Park III" - 1:15 p.m., 3:10 p.m.

"Rush Hour" - 6 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

### New Central III:

Sept. 7-21  
"Pearl Harbor" - 11:05 a.m., 2:35 p.m., 6:20 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:40 p.m.



## Education



### Test Schedule

#### Tuesdays/

- Fridays** - College Level Examination Program  
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

(Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. each day.)

- Sept. 19** - ACT Examination  
**Sept. 20** - Scholastic Assessment Test  
**Sept. 24** - Electronic Data Processing Test  
**Sept. 26** - Defense Language Aptitude Battery  
- Defense Language Proficiency Test  
**Sept. 27** - Armed Forces Classification Test

There is no fee for military personnel; civilians pay the following: CLEP \$46, DANTES \$27, ACT \$38 and GED \$63. September's SAT fee is not available at time of release. Test must be paid by money order only. Call 253-3855.

## Community



### Alcoholics Anonymous

There are currently four Alcoholics Anonymous meetings being held in Building 1104, Room 103. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. All meetings are open and are held every Sunday at 7:00 p.m., discussion or book study groups are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., with speaker or discussion meetings on alternating weeks. Discussion meetings are held Tuesday and Thursday at noon. Call 253-5036. Inquiries are strictly confidential.

### Medical Clinic Health Promotions

Tobacco Cessation Courses will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Branch Medical Clinic on Sept. 19, 21, 26, 28 and Oct. 17, 19, 24, 26. People must attend all four sessions. Cholesterol, nutrition and hypertension counseling will also be offered on an individual basis by calling 253-3266.

### Off-Base Trash Disposal Class

The Family Housing Welcome Center holds off-base trash disposal classes for off-base residents every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Learn the easy and proper way to dispose of trash off-base. Call 253-5541.

### Branch Medical Clinic Open House

The Branch Medical Clinic will be hosting an Open House Sept. 28, 1-6 p.m. The clinic will provide information briefs on medical services, appointments and preventive medicine services available to the Station personnel and clinic staff will be present to answer questions for specific medical areas. All hands are welcome to attend. Call 253-5652.

### Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International meets every first Thursday of the month, 6:45-8:15 p.m. and third Friday 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. It provides an excellent opportunity to learn and practice proper public speaking methods in a low key, supportive environment. Although the meeting is conducted in English, many Japanese attend. Everyone is welcome, including off-base personnel. The next Toastmasters meeting is Sept. 21 at lunch. Call BM2 Murphy at 253-3746, Nancy Regan at 253-5550 or Takeuchi at 0829-36-0252.

### WIC Overseas Program

The Women, Infants and Children Overseas program is an educational and supplemental nutrition program designed to assist: pregnant women, postpartum women who have had a baby in the last six months, women who are breastfeeding up to 12 months after delivery, infants up to 1 year old and children younger than 5 years old. In order to be eligible for WICO services, participants must meet income guidelines. Participants also must have an identified nutritional risk, as well as meeting other eligibility criteria. The WICO office is located in Building 636. Call 253-4928.

### Civilian Human Resources Office

#### Local Employment Orientation

The CHRO provides the monthly briefing for local job seekers Sep. 18 from 9-10 a.m. at Community Services Building 411, Room 216/217. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

#### Resumix Training

The Resumix is used by the Navy to fill merit promotion civilian job vacancies for GS-15 and below, and Wage Grade positions. The CHRO will provide valuable information on Resumix Sep. 18 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Community Services Building, Room 216/217. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

#### Placement Program Brief

Civilian Human Resources Office will provide Outbound Family Member Priority Placement Program Brief on Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at Community Services Building 411, Room 216/217 for current and former GS employees who are within two months of PCSing back to continental

United States. Information presented will include Military Spouse Preference, Priority Placement Program counseling, eligibility for noncompetitive appointment under EO12721, and service employment procedures. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

### Marine Corps Community Services

#### Information Fair

The Personal Services Division will hold an information fair Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Club Iwakuni ballroom. Under the theme "Explore Your World," the event features information booths from the Station organizations, off-base agencies and a wealth of information on life aboard the air station and in Japan. Performances and demonstrations are scheduled throughout the event, and prizes will be drawn for. All Station personnel are welcome. Call 253-6161. Free.

#### TAMP/TAP

Military personnel are required to attend this briefing, held Sept. 25-28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 180 day before discharge. Spouses are invited. Contact your career planner for details.

### LINKS Mentor Training

Marine Corps Family Team Building will hold LINKS Mentor Training Tuesday-Thursday, 6-9 p.m. in the LINKS Room. Call 253-3754.

### Hispanic Heritage Lunch

Club Iwakuni will hold an all ranks luncheon in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 24, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in the ballroom for \$6.95. Call 253-5416.

## Chapel Services



### Chapel Services

#### Roman Catholic

<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Mass	(2)
<b>Sunday</b>	9 a.m.	Mass	(2)

#### Protestant

<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist	(1)
<b>Sunday</b>	10 a.m.	Church of Christ	(2)
	10:30 a.m.	General Protestant	(2)
	noon	Gospel Service	(2)
	noon	United Pentecostal	(2)

#### Latter Day Saints

<b>Sunday</b>	12:30 p.m.	Service	(1)
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#### Jewish

<b>Friday</b>	6 p.m.	Shabat	(2)
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#### Muslim

<b>Friday</b>	noon	Prayer	(1)
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(1) Chapel Annex (2) Marine Memorial Center

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity call the Station Chapel at 253-5218. For information on Jewish services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the Station Chapel.

**226th Navy Birthday Ball**

Date: Friday 12 Oct 2001  
Time: 1800  
Location: Club Iwakuni Ball Room  
Ticket Prices:  
E-1 - E-5 & Spouse \$15.00 ea  
E-6 - E-9 & Spouse \$20.00 ea  
Officers & Civilians \$25.00 ea  
For more information contact:  
CEI Abad @ 253-5872 or SKCM Cubilla @ 253-6793



## Sports Briefs

### Baseball Tryouts

Baseball tryouts are open to Station personnel over 18 years old. Tryouts will be held today, 3-6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 2-5:30 p.m. at the Main Field. Those who interested need to bring glove, cleats and baseball bats (aluminum or wood). Call 253-3530/3365.

### Twilight Fees

Effective immediately, Torii Pines Golf Course offers twilight fees weekdays two hours before closing, weekends and holidays during open tee times. Twilight fees are half the daily green fee. Call 253-3402.

### Slow Pitch Tournament

Semper Fit will hold a slow pitch softball tournament Sept. 22 and 23. Coaches will meet Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Main Gym. Play is open to unit and organizational teams on the Station. Call 253-5777.

### Golf Events

- ☑ CPO Selectees Tournament, Saturday, open to the golfing community.
- ☑ Iwakuni Military Retirees Association Tournament, Sept. 16, open to the golfing community.
- ☑ Iwakuni Golf Championship, Sept. 22, 23, 29 and 30, 72-hole flighted competition. Call 253-3402.

### League Forming

A Friday night mixed doubles bowling league is forming at the Southside Lanes. Bowlers who want to participate must attend a meeting Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. League bowling begins Sept. 21. Call 253-4657.

### New Jazz Class

Swing and jazz dance classes will begin today at 8:30 p.m. Classes are \$5 per student per class. Call 253-6359.

## The Scoreboard

### Second Season Softball playoffs

As of Aug. 22

Teams                      wins losses

#### Division A

Rooftop Warriors	3	0
Crash Crew	2	1
Chain Gang	2	2
Rock Stars	1	2
Extractors	0	3
Power Plants	0	2

#### Division B

Logistics	4	0
Varisty Blues	2	1
Leftovers	1	2
Outta Control	0	0
CSSD-36	0	2

*This information was provided by MCCS Athletics.*

# Rooftop Warriors take softball tournament

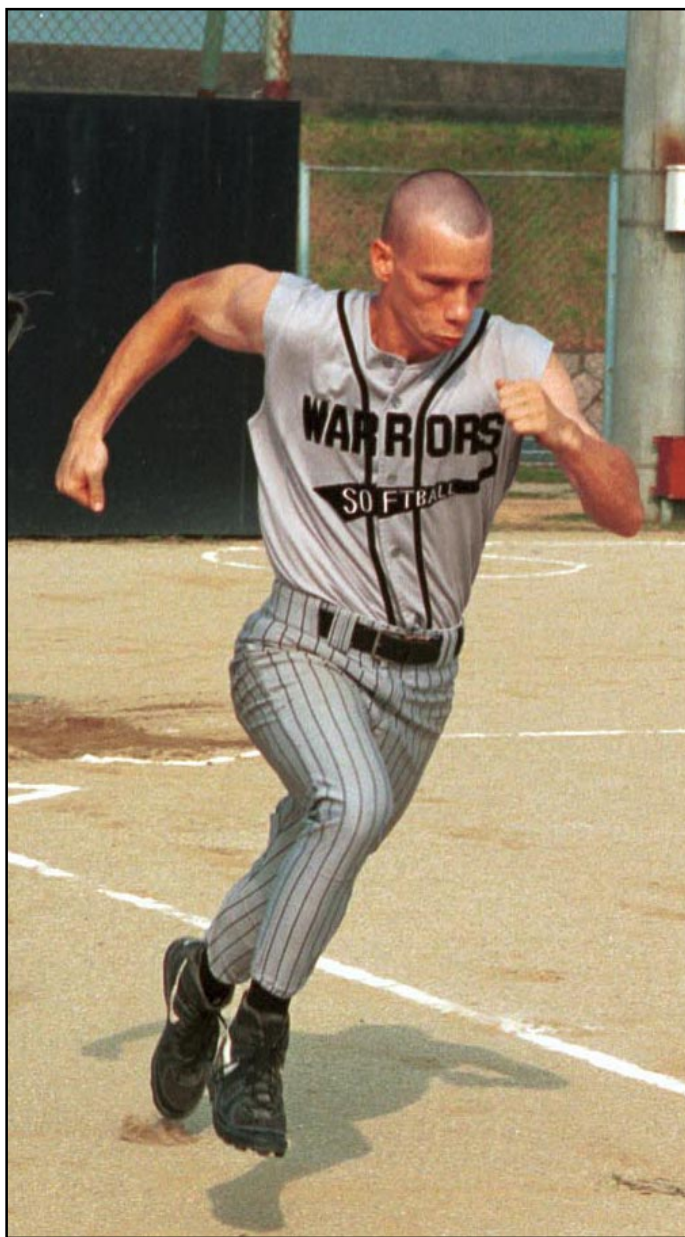


photo by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers

*Rooftop Warriors batter Randall Howell makes a dash from home plate to first during the first game of the eighth-annual tournament.*

by Lance Cpl.  
Colin Wyers  
Torii Teller Staff

Of the 11 teams that walked onto the field to compete in the eighth annual Japanese-American Goodwill Modified Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament, it was the Station's own Rooftop Warriors who took home the first-place win on Aug. 26.

This is Rooftop's third year in the tournament, having placed second and third in the last two tournaments.

"We feel relieved," said Tony Forbes, Rooftop shortstop. "We knew we could do it, we just kept making unforced errors, mistakes we shouldn't have been making. Fundamental softball is the key to winning."

Rooftop beat the Iwakuni City J.A. Yamaguchi Higashi 5-3 in the final game to take the title. Tied for third place was Iwakuni City Atago Nine and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Funkys.

"We pretty much knew

that the Japanese teams were good at manufacturing runs, and that's what we had to stop," Forbes said. "We had to shift some of our faster players into the infield."

In the rules of the single-elimination tournament, each game lasts for five innings or 50 minutes, whichever is shorter, according to Bobby Brown, Marine Corps Community Services Athletics director.

The tournament also helped develop ties between the host nation and Station residents.

"When you bring together two cultures that love the sport of softball, you get to see what their idea of the fundamentals are, compared to ours," said Forbes. "It's definitely

a good experience."

According to Brown, these kinds of events strengthen friendships and relationships between the Japanese community and the Marines, Sailors, and Department of Defense civilians on-Station.

"We've had Japanese teams bring their families and children, so these have turned into a family fun day for everybody," he added.

The Rooftop Warriors are hopeful that they can repeat their victory performance next year.

"We're going to try our hardest, that's for sure," Forbes said. "There are a lot of good Japanese teams out there. The hardest thing in any sport is to defend a title."

### Iwakuni Varsity Women's Softball Team captures Kadena Klassic title

The Iwakuni Varsity Women's Softball Team captured the Kadena Klassic championship with a 16-12 victory over Yokosuka Sept. 4. The Kadena Klassic is a pacific wide interservice tournament, and the victory marked Iwakuni's first championship in the 13-year history of the event. Catch all the details in next weeks edition of the *Torii Teller*.



# Marines land in Bristol for Fan Day

by Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Gilliam  
Bristol, Va.

**BRISTOL, Va.** — Marines Racing made a return to where the program began two years ago. Although everything from the team to the paint scheme is slightly different, the basic principals of success, teamwork, and perseverance still exist. If crowd participation and recognition are any indication, Marines Racing has grown from a who's that of racing, to a who's who of racing.

"At that time everyone who talked to us thought it was a one shot deal," said Staff Sgt. Johnny R. McKnight, Recruiting Substation Johnson City, Tenn. McKnight was one of the recruiters present at the first appearance of then number 76 Team Marines race car driven by Kerry Earnhardt. "We have a lot of kids who know about the car. I am amazed that it has stayed around and of the support it receives."

Fans from across North America transcended on State Street here to take part in the Food City Family Race Night, a daylong show of pride and appreciation toward racing. The event, which is held annually on the state line that divides Tennessee and Virginia in downtown Bristol, draws more than 50,000 people to the site of the fastest short track in the country. The event gives the fans an up close and personal look at the drivers and cars from various racing organizations — including the Marines.

"To come here and be a part of an event where it all started is incredible," said Randy Tolsma, 35, driver of the number 25 Marines.com race car as he signed one of more than 500 autographs. "I feel the Marines are out here doing a first rate job in an event that is great for a small town and community."

Tolsma, who is starting his career with his first Busch Grand National Division Car, added he did not realize how special it was to be involved with the Marines until he became their driver.

"You realize just how proud Marines are," said the 35-year-old driver. "It is great just to see former Marines come up and say 'Semper Parati.'"

Marine recruiters from Recruiting Substation Johnson City, Tenn., Recruiting Station Nashville, helped to expose the ever merging two worlds of the Marine Corps and NASCAR at one of the places where NASCAR's closest thing to war takes place.

Bristol is considered, by many fans, one of the most exciting races on the racing circuit due to its high speeds and numerous accidents. That is why fans from all life-styles turn out to see the cars and drivers.

"We had a whole lot of people come by, so it was great for public relations," said Sgt. Stephen J. Culberson, recruiter from Permanent Contact Station Kingsport, Tenn. "People were walking up and

down the streets talking about the Marines and carrying Marine stuff."

All totaled recruiters were able to generate nearly 350 leads during an eight-hour event. While the numbers were not that overwhelming, it is little indication of the crowds that flocked to the booth throughout the day. Many fans were surprised by the Marines involvement in NASCAR others were checking on the status of the team. Many were just there to get an autograph, poster or do pull-ups.

"This is such an asset because NASCAR is starting to appeal to younger fans," McKnight said. "Two years ago these guys didn't seem that into it, but now we can go down the streets and see Team Marines shirts on their backs."



courtesy photo

*The Team Marines car rounds a corner during one of its many NASCAR races.*



photo by Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Gilliam

*A crowd gathers around the Marines Booth at the Food City Family Race Night in Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 23.*